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SUBJECT: BERLIN AIR SERVICE (IGS): RUMOR THAT BRITISH ARE
REQUESTING NEW FARE INCREASE

REF: USBER 2122

1. PRESS REPORTS OCT. 9 AND BRITISH DEPUTY POLAD
REITERATES BA CLAIM THAT FARE INCREASE STORY REPORTED
REFTEL WAS PURE NONSENSE. BA IN BERLIN CLAIMS NO
RPT NO KNOWLEDGE WHATEVER OF ANY BA EFFORTS TO OBTAIN
AN IGS FARE INCREASE. BRITISH ARE UNDERSTANDABLY
TRYING TO ASCERTAIN SOURCE OF STORY.

2. PAN AM'S BERLIN STATION MANAGER GALLAGHER SAID
BRITISH HAVE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF FARE INCREASE
WITH PAN AM, BUT HE INSISTS PAN AM IS NOT SOURCE FOR
NEWSPAPER STORIES. HE REITERATED OCT. 8 THAT
MAYOR LUEDER'S STAFF IS SOURCE FOR PRESS REPORTS.
MOREOVER, GALLAGHER SAID THAT OTHER PAN AM OFFICIALS
DID NOT MENTION POSSIBILITY TO LUEDER OR HIS STAFF
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DURING VISIT TO PAN AM HQ IN NEW YORK. LUEDER WAS

TOLD THAT PAN AM DID NOT FORESEE NEED FOR FARE
INCREASE UNTIL LATE NEXT YEAR. DOES DEPARTMENT
KNOW OF ANY BASIS FOR RUMOR THAT BRITISH, AT
GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, SEEKING FARE INCREASE?

3. THIS SEEMS APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO SAY AGAIN
THAT SENAT ANGER AT HOW LAST FARE INCREASE WAS
REACHED CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. EVEN A RUMOR
SUCH AS THIS ONE HAS CAUSED UPROAR IN SENAT. GEORGE

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